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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH HAFERKAMP

1. WILHELM HAFERKAMP, NEWLY NAMED COMMISSION VICE PRESIDENT FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS, ASKED ME TO HIS APARTMENT EVENING JANUARY 13 FOR INFORMAL CHAT. DURING RELAXED HOUR AND HALF WE SAID ALL THE RIGHT THINGS ABOUT US-EUROPEAN COOPERATION AND TOUCHED LIGHTLY ON WORLD ECONOMIC SITUATION, TOKYO ROUND, NORTH/SOUTH MATTERS AND LIKELY ECONOMIC SUMMIT, AS WELL AS REVIEWING MODALITIES OF BIENNIAL US-EC COMMISSION CONSULTATIONS. HAFERKAMP VOLUNTEERED THAT HE IS NOT YET WELL INFORMED ABOUT SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES OTHER THAN ECONOMIC POLICY. HOWEVER HE STRESSED NEED TO RESIST PROTECTIONISM AND TO GET RAPIDLY ON WITH THE PROCESS OF RESOLVING PROBLEMS SO THAT SUMMIT COULD TAKE NOTE OF PROGRESS MADE SINCE INAUGURATION NEW US PRESIDENT AND FORMATION NEW EC COMMISSION AS WELL AS TO GIVE FURTHER STIMULUS TO WORK TOWARD RESOLVING MAJOR PROBLEMS.

2. HAFERKAMP DID NOT RAISE POSSIBILITY OF VISIT TO STATES BUT WHEN HIS CHEF DE CABINET FROSCHMAIER WALKED ME TO MY CAR HE SAID THEY WERE THINKING IT MIGHT BE DESIRABLE FOR HAFERKAMP TO VISIT WASHINGTON IN FEBRUARY AND IN ANY CASE BEFORE NEXT BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS WHICH COMMISSION PROBABLY WILL PROPOSE FOR BRUSSELS FOR LATE MARCH OR EARLY APRIL.

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FROSCHMAIER ALSO INDICATED HAFERKAMP IS AWARE THAT OTHER COMMISSIONERS ARE ANXIOUS TO VISIT WASHINGTON AND SUGGESTED HAFERKAMP AND I SHOULD JOINTLY GET THIS UNDER CONTROL. I DID NOT DEMURE BUT DEPARTMENT SHOULD KNOW THAT WHEN I SEE PRESIDENT JENKINS, NOW SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 17, I INTEND TO TRY ESTABLISH TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PROCESS WITH HIM OR HIS CABINET.

3. HAFERKAMP WAS ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT MONDALE VISIT BUT OPINED
THAT HOUR AND HALF CONTEMPLATED FOR DISCUSSIONS WOULD NOT BE
SUFFICIENT FOR MEANINGFUL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS.HINTON

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